

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as shown in the following claim listing:

1. (Previously presented) A deck comprising sets of playing cards,  
where:
  - (a) the sets of playing cards consist of a first set of playing cards and a second set of playing cards;
  - (b) each set comprises  $2M + 1$  playing cards;
  - (c) each playing card of each set comprises a playing face and a rear face;
  - (d) each playing face of each playing card of the first set displays an integer within the range of  $-M$  to  $M$  which is different from all the other integers displayed on all the other playing faces of the playing cards of the first set;
  - (e) each playing face of each playing card of the second set displays an integer within the range of  $-M$  to  $M$  which is different from all the other integers displayed on all the other playing faces of the playing cards of the second set;  
and
  - (f)  $M$  is an integer at least equal to 10.
2. (Original) The deck of claim 1 where  $M$  equals 12.
3. (Original) The deck of claim 1 where  $M$  equals 13.
- Claims 4-39 (canceled)
40. (New) A deck comprising sets of playing cards, where:
  - (a) the sets of playing cards consist of a first set of playing cards and a second set of playing cards;

- (b) each set comprises  $2M + 1$  playing cards;
- (c) each playing card of each set comprises a playing face and a rear face;
- (d) each playing card of the first set has a numerical value that is an integer within the range of  $-M$  to  $M$  which is different from all the other numerical values of all the other playing cards of the first set;
- (e) each playing face of each playing card of the first set displays an integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card;
- (f) the graphics displayed on each playing face of each playing card of the first set consist of at least one symbolic representation for the integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card;
- (g) each playing card of the second set has a numerical value that is an integer within the range of  $-M$  to  $M$  which is different from all the other numerical values of all the other playing cards of the second set;
- (h) each playing face of each playing card of the second set displays an integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card;
- (i) the graphics displayed on each playing face of each playing card of the second set consist of at least one symbolic representation for the integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card; and
- (j)  $M$  is an integer at least equal to 10.

41. (New) The deck of claim 40 where  $M$  equals 12.

42. (New) The deck of claim 40 where  $M$  equals 13.

43. (New) The deck of claim 40 where the graphics displayed on each playing face of each playing card of the first set consist of a plurality of symbolic representations for the integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card and the graphics displayed on each playing face of each

playing card of the second set consist of a plurality of symbolic representations for the integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card.

44. (New) The deck of claim 43 where M equals 12.

45. (New) The deck of claim 43 where M equals 13.

46. (New) A deck comprising four sets of playing cards, where:

(a) each set consists of  $M + 1$  playing cards;

(b) each playing card of each set comprises a playing face and a rear face;

(c) each playing card of the first set has a numerical value that is an integer within the range of 0 to M which is different from all the other numerical values of all the other playing cards of the first set;

(d) each playing face of each playing card of the first set displays at least one representation of an integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card so that the integers displayed on the playing faces of the playing cards of the first set consist of integers within the range of 0 to M;

(e) each playing card of the second set has a numerical value that is an integer within the range of 0 to M which is different from all the other numerical values of all the other playing cards of the second set;

(f) each playing face of each playing card of the second set displays at least one representation of an integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card so that the integers displayed on the playing faces of the playing cards of the second set consist of integers within the range of 0 to M;

(g) each playing card of the third set has a numerical value that is an integer within the range of 0 to M which is different from all the other numerical values of all the other playing cards of the third set;

(h) each playing face of each playing card of the third set displays at least one representation of an integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card so that the integers displayed on the playing faces of the playing cards of the third set consist of integers within the range of 0 to M;

(i) each playing card of the fourth set has a numerical value that is an integer within the range of 0 to M which is different from all the other numerical values of all the other playing cards of the fourth set;

(j) each playing face of each playing card of the fourth set displays at least one representation of an integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card so that the integers displayed on the playing faces of the playing cards of the fourth set consist of integers within the range of 0 to M; and

(k) M is an integer at least equal to 12.

47. (New) The deck of claim 46 where the graphics displayed on any playing face of any playing card of the deck consists essentially of at least one representation of the integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card.

48. (New) The deck of claim 46 where the graphics displayed on any playing face of any playing card of the deck consists of at least one representation of the integer that corresponds to the numerical value of its respective playing card.